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SUBJECT: OPENING OF ASA EASTERN EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE IN
VIENNA

1. AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ASA) REQUEST TO ESTABLISH
AND MAINTAIN AN EASTERN EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE IN VIENNA
WHICH LANKFORD AND ASA OFFICIALS DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR
AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN MAY APPROVED BY FAS. OFFICE
ESSENTIAL TO PROPER SUPERVISION AND COORDINATION BY ASA OF
MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN EASTERN EUROPE FOR SOYBEANS AND
SOYBEAN PRODUCTS.

2. ASA PLANNING TO OPEN OFFICE AROUND SEPTEMBER 1. DR.
KENNETH LEPLEY, AMERICAN EMPLOYEE OF ASA IN CHARGE. HE WILL
BE ASSISTED BY DR. ALEX CERNE AND LOCAL SECRETARY.

3. IN TERMS OF EMBASSY SUPPORT, ASA STAFF WILL BE WORKING
PRIMARILY WITH AGATT BUT WILL NEED LIMITED SUPPORT FROM THE
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EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF IN PROCESSING BILLINGS. ATTACHE

RESPONSIBILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH COMMODITY COOPERATORS CONTAINED IN TITLE 11, FASR.

4. NATURALLY, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF CAN PROVIDE IN OPENING OF ASA OFFICE IN HELPING LEPLER AND CERNE LOCATE SUITABLE HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS.

5. SINCE OUR DESIGNATED AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE, NICHOLAS M. THUROCZY, WILL NOT BE ARRIVING IN VIENNA UNTIL MID SEPTEMBER, WE ARE REQUESTING FRANK EHMAN (AGATT/BERN) TO COORDINATE OPENING OF OFFICE WITH ASA AND EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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